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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT SECOND SESSION OF CONFERENCE ON
LAW OF WAR

1. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, PARAGUAY IS NOT REPRESENTED IN
GENEVA AND, DURING LAST FEBRUARY'S DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE,
TWICE SENT ITS AMBASSADOR IN BONN TO GENEVA TO OPPOSE PRG
PARTICIPATION--CASTING WHAT PROVED TO BE A DECISIVE VOTE
AGAINST PRG ON FEBRUARY 28. PARAGUAY ALSO VOTED IN MAIL
TALLY AGAINST PRG PARTICIPATION IN ICRC CONFERENCE ON
WEAPONS SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY TODAY INFORMED US GOV STILL FIRMLY
OPPOSED PRG PARTICIPATION AND WISHES TO BE AS HELPFUL
AS POSSIBLE TO USG IN THIS REGARD. HOWEVER, MINISTRY HAS
NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO GENEVA
SINCE IN PARAGUAYAN TERMS THIS IS EXTREMELY COSTLY IN
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MONEY AND PERSONNEL. (THIS APPARENTLY MEANS THAT EVEN IF

GOP DECIDED TO SEND A DELEGATE, HE WOULD ONLY BE AUTHORIZED
TO ATTEND FOR A FEW DAYS.)

3. TO ASSIST ITS DECISION FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED US TO
OBTAIN DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND ADVICE ON (A) WHETHER PARAGUAY'S
ROLE IS LIKELY TO BE DECISIVE AGAIN; (B) WHETHER NEW
CREDENTIALS WILL BE REQUIRED OR WHETHER PARAGUAYAN
AMBASSADOR TO BONN IS STILL ACCREDITED; (C) IF NEW
CREDENTIALS ARE REQUIRED, WHAT IS PROCEDURE; (D) WHETHER
THERE ARE ANY PROVISIONS FOR VOTING IN ADVANCE, BY PROXY,
OR BY MAIL; AND (E) WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT CAN IDENTIFY
MORE PRECISELY THE DATES WHEN ISSUE LIKELY TO COME BEFORE
CONFERENCE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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